Manufacturing of banned substances

1125. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small and loss-making pharmaceutical companies are making up losses by manufacturing banned substances like Amphetamine-treated stimulants whose surreptitions consumption and demand especially among the affluent class is rising; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to control the activities of such spurious companies who are duping the Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has not received any specific information that the loss making pharmaceutical companies in general are indulging in the manufacture of banned substances like amphetamine treated stimulants. However, recently, a case in Hyderabad has been reported where a small-scale manufacturer was found clandestinely manufacturing banned narcotic drug substances such as "Ecstasy" and other similar types of drugs for export. The Department of Revenue Intelligence and the narcotic control Bureau are investigating the case.

Naming of Mumbai Local Stations in Urdu

†1126. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Mumbai is one of the fifty minority dominated districts of the country where fifty percent of population speak and understand Urdu language and names of the stations of local trains used to be written in Urdu;

(b) whether it is a fact that these names in Urdu have been removed gradually during the last few years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.